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SUBJECT: OAS MEETING -- U.S. PRESS TREATMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 12 U.S. PRESS ACCOUNTS
OF QUITO MEETING:

2. NOVITSKY STORY 11/12 WASH POST PAGE ONE ENTITLED "CUBA
MOVE SEEN STYMIED" SAYS LATIN LEADERS OF MOVE TENDED TO
BLAME US IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CRITICISM OF U.S.
NEUTRALITY AS "NEGATIVE." QUOTES FACIO COMPLAINTS AT LACK
OF HELP FROM U.S. ON ISSUE OF INTEREST TO THE MAJORITY AND
INGERSOLL REACTION TO CHARGE: "IF NEGATIVE IS THE
DESIGNATION OTHER COUNTRIES WANT TO USE, THAT IS THEIR
OPINION." ALSO QUOTES SCHACHT CRITICIZING SECRETARY'S
ABSENCE.

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3. NYTIMES STORY (KANDELL) ALSO FRONT PAGE HEADED "PRO-

CUBANS SHORT OF VOTES IN OAS." DESCRIBES PRO-CUBA EFFORT AS ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE, ASCRIBING BREAKDOWN TO GUATEMALAN AND HAITIAN PLANNED ABSTENTIONS. SEVENTH PARAGRAPH PICKS UP FACIO'S STATEMENTS, USING QUOTES SIMILAR TO POST STORY ABOVE. ALSO USES ABOVE INGERSOLL REACTION QUOTE. STORY GOES ON TO ANALYZE LATIN ACTIONS AND POSITIONS IN QUITO WITHOUT REFERENCE TO U.S. UNTIL FINAL PARAGRAPH WHICH NEITHER HAS SPOKEN IN DEBATE NOR BEEN ACCUSED OF LOBBYING AGAINST THE LATIN INITIATIVE.

4. COMPLETE TEXT OF ABOVE NYTIMES AND WASH POST STORIES ABOVE TRANSMITTED IN TODAY'S ARF WIRELESS FILE.

5. NOVEMBER 12 MIAMI HERALD CARRIED FRONT PAGE 5-COLUMN HEAD "MOVE TO LIFT EMBARGO IN TROUBLE" OVER MONTALBANO STORY COVERING VIRTUALLY SAME GROUND AS POST AND NYTIMES INCLUDING FACIO AND INGERSOLL QUOTES. ALSO SAYS LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS CONCLUDE U.S. PRIVATELY HOPED THEIR INITIATIVE WOULD SUCCEED BUT ADDITIONAL VOTES DID NOT MATERIALIZE. HERALD ALSO CARRIED STORIES INSIDE PAGES ON CUBAN EXILES IN QUITO, ON TIGHTENED SECURITY AT OAS HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON, AND ON SIZABLE DEMONSTRATIONS BY CUBAN EXILES IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND CONNECTICUT AGAINST COUNTRIES FAVORING END TO SANCTIONS.

6. CHICAGO TRIBUNE CARRIED (PAGE 12) UPI STORY FROM QUITO "CUBA LOSES GROUND IN OAS TALKS" SUMMARIZING ATTACKS ON U.S.

7. UPI ENGLISH TICKER DATELINED WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 12 3:30 PM CARRIES DEPT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT TODAY ON QUITO MEETING (SEPTTEL) FOLLOWED BY QUOTE FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AFTER THE VOTE IN QUITO: "OUR ABSTENTION SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A SIGN OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN PERCEPTION OF THIS QUESTION AT THIS TIME." INGERSOLL SAID THE MEETING "HAS AT LEAST AIRED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO EASY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF A COUNTRY WHICH DEALS WITH SOME ON THE BASIS OF HOSTILITY AND WITH OTHERS ON THE BASIS OF A MORE NORMAL

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RELATIONSHIP." TICKER ENDS BY MENTIONING "DECLARATION OF QUITO" ISSUED BY SUPPORTERS OF LIFTING THE SANCTIONS IN WHICH THEY DEPLORED OUTCOME AND CRITICIZED THE SIX NATIONS ABSTAINING. KISSINGER

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